

Two Ways of Thinking in the midst of Temptations and Trials  
(Blame God versus Praise God)  
James 1:13-18

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

- I. Blame God (vv.13-15)
  - a. The Source of Temptation (vv. 13-14)
    - i. Not God (v. 13)
      - 1. God cannot be tempted
      - 2. God does not tempt
    - ii. Our Desire (v.14)
      - 1. Lured
      - 2. Enticed
      - 3. Own
  - b. The Course of Desire (v.15)
    - 1. Desire gives birth to Sin
    - 2. Sin matured brings Death
- II. Praise God (vv. 16-18)
  - a. Think Rightly (v. 16)
  - b. The Source of Good and Perfect Gifts (v. 17)
    - i. Father of Lights
      - 1. God does not change
  - c. Regeneration (v. 18)
    - i. God’s will
    - ii. Word of Truth
    - iii. Purpose: Firstfruits